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NLM BOARD OF REGENTS

On August 23 the President sent to the Senate the nominations of Dr. Alfred Gellhorn and Dr. Henry Harkins to be members of the Board of Regents, vice Dr. Worth Daniels and Mr. Thomas E. Keys, terms expired. When these nominations are confirmed, the membership of the Board for 1962-63 will be as follows:

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BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MEDICAL REVIEWS

Volume 7, 1962, Bibliography of Medical Reviews, covering the review literature of 1961, was received in August. Copies may be purchased at $2 each from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office. Copies of Volume 6, a cumulation of citations to the review literature of 1955-1960, are still available [$3.50].

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

During the summer some thirty-one hundred copies of an announcement and reply form on the Second International Congress on Medical Librarianship, to be held June 16-22, 1963, in Washington, were mailed to individuals and institutions throughout the world. Within weeks the first replies were in from Latin America and from Europe. Daily inquiries received by the Secretariat concerning program papers, courses of study, and library visits provide additional heartening evidence of wide interest in the Congress.

AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, 1960-1962

The R. R. Bowker Company has issued American Scientific Books, 1960-1962, edited by Phyllis B. Steckler [$10]. This is a cumulation of titles which appeared in monthly issues of American Book Publishing Record, and includes scientific, medical, and technical books published in the United States from January 1960 to March 1962. The main section is in a classified arrangement; Dewey block 610 through 619 runs to almost a hundred pages and contains approximately 1,600 entries. There are also a title index, an author index, and a very brief subject index. Entries and subject headings are as established by the Library of Congress; brief annotations are frequent. This should prove to be a most useful tool in every medical library.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE ACQUISITIONS

Two incunabula and three Americana have been added recently to the History of Medicine collection:

Estwood, John. Summa astrologiae judicialis. Venice, Santritter, 1489. (Stillwell E84)

Regimen sanitatis Salernitanum. Venice, Bernardinus de Vitalibus [1500]. (Stillwell R72)

Great Britain. Laws, Statutes, etc. An Act (passed 12th March 1805) for making further provision for the effectual performance of quarantine ... New York, T. & J. Swords, 1809. 67 p. [Not in Austin]

Jewett, Paul. The New-England farrier; or, a compendium of earriery [sic], in four parts ... Newburyport, William Barrett, 1795. 46, [2] p. [Only one copy recorded in Austin]

New York (City). Board of Health. Address ... to their fellow citizens. [New York, G. L. Birch & Co., 1819] 8 p. [This edition not in Austin]

THALIDOMIDE

In August 1956 Kunz, Keller, and Muckter published the results of animal "experimental studies on a new synthetic product with sedative properties," thalidomide, in Arzneimittel-Forschung 6:426-30; in the same issue H. Jung reported on clinical studies with the new drug (6: 430-2). There followed numerous articles:

Esser & Heinzler. Ther Gegenw 95:374-6 (Oct 56)
Stärk, G. Praxis 45:966-8 (11 Oct 56)
Walkenhorst, A. Wien Klin Wschr 69:334-9 (10 May 57) [in EEG]
Loos, H. Medizinische 1:482-3 (22 Mar 58)
Blasiu, A. Med Klin 53:800 (2 May 58)
Burley et al. Practitioner 183:57-61 (Jul 59) [rash; dizziness]
Salter et al. J Clin Exp Psychopath 20:243-6 (Sep 59)
Harris & Allgood. Proc Soc Exp Biol Med 103:580-1 (Mar 60)
Somers, G. Brit J Pharm 15:111-6 (Mar 60)
Cohen, S. Amer J Psychiat 116:1030-1 (May 60)
Lasagna, L. J Chron Dis 11:627-31 (Jun 60)
Gray et al. Dis Nerv Syst 21:392-4 (Jul 60)
Burley, D. Med World (London) 93:26-8 (Jul 60) [overdose]
Miller et al. Antibiot Med 7:747-8 (Dec 60) [use in alcoholism]
Osterloh & Lagler. Arzneimittelforsch 10:985-7 (Dec 60) [animals]
Schiefer, I. Med Welt 52-53:2765-8 (24 Dec 60)
Neuhaus & Ibe. Dis Nerv Syst 22:52-3 (Jan 61) [overdose]
La Grange et al. J Pharm Belg 16:95-127 (Mar-Apr 61) [various imides]
Nulsen, R. Amer J Obstet Gynec 81:1245-8 (Jun 61) [in 3d trimester]
Kuhn & Van Maanen. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 134:60-8 (Oct 61) [CNS effects]
Azima & Arthurs. Amer J Psychiat 118:554-5 (Dec 61)
Green & Benson. J Pharm Pharmacol 13(Suppl):117-21 (Dec 61)
Kugler & Finckh. Psychiat Neurol (Basel) 143:45-54 (Jan 62) [in EEG]
Mackenzie & McGrath. Proc Soc Exp Biol Med 109:511-5 (Mar 62) [in rat]
Roth, G. Nervenarzt 33:130-3 (Mar 62) [EEG observations]

At the beginning of 1961 the British Medical Journal published a series of letters ascribing neuropathic side-effects to thalidomide:

Florence, A. Brit Med J 5217:1954 (31 Dec 60)
Burley, D. Brit Med J 5219:130 (14 Jan 61)
Kuenssberg et al. Brit Med J 5221:291 (28 Jan 61)

In May 1961 an article on polyneuritic effects by Scheid et al appeared (Deutsch Med Wschr 86:938-40). The British Medical Journal, issue for 30 Sep 61, published an article by Fullerton & Kremer (5256: 855-8) and an editorial (5256:876-7). In March 1962 F. Kemper discussed effect on growth in the cock (Z Ges Exp Med 135:454-9).

In late 1959 an increase in hypoplastic and aplastic deformities in children born in Germany was observed; H. Wiedemann described this (Med Welt 37:1863-6, Sep 61). Pfeiffer & Kosenow suggested exogenous rather than genetic etiology (Muench Med Wschr 104:68-74, 12 Jan 62). W. Lenz implicated thalidomide (Deutsch Med Wschr 86:2555-6, 29 Dec 61). Hultsch & Hartmann had published a warning on polyneuritic effects (Muench Med Wschr 103:2141-4, 3 Nov 61). Then appeared five letters to the Editor of Lancet:

McBride, W. Lancet 2:1358 (16 Dec 61)
Hayman, D. Lancet 1:46 (6 Jan 62)
Lenz, W. Lancet 1:45 (6 Jan 62)
Pfeiffer & Kosenow. Lancet 1:45-6 (6 Jan 62)
Kohler et al. Lancet 1:326 (10 Feb 62)

Also in the issue for 10 Feb 62 Lancet published an article A.Speirs (1:303-5) and an editorial (1:307-8) on thalidomide and genital abnormalities. There followed:

Engstrom et al. Svensk Lakartidn 59:731-7 (8 Mar 62)
[Editorial]. Canad Med Ass J 86:462-3 (10 Mar 62)
Bergstrom et al. Svensk Lakartidn 59:1012-22 (29 Mar 62)
Lewenthal & Ben-Adereth. Harefuah 62:293 (15 Apr 62)
Rodin et al. Canad Med Ass J 86:744-6 (21 Apr 62)
Somers, G. [Letter] Lancet 1:912-3 (28 Apr 62)
Taussig, H. JAMA 180:1106-14 (30 Jun 62)
Taussig, H. Sci Amer 207:29-36 (Aug 62)
[Letter] JAMA 181:654 (18 Aug 62)

Entries for thalidomide appear in the Merck Index (7th ed., 196 p. 1027) and Martindale (Suppl., 1961, p. 263); as contergan in Geh Codex (9th ed., 1960, p. 296), Rothgang's Spezialitäten-Praktikum (M nich, 1961, pp. 947-8, 966), and Helwig's Moderne Arzneimittel (Stut gart, 1961, p. 154).

ROBINSON MS.

Mr. S. R. Shapiro of New York City has presented to t National Library of Medicine the original manuscript of Vi tor Robinson's Life of Jacob Henle, which bears annotatio by F. H. Garrison.

HOURS OF OPENING

In September the National Library of Medicine began new standard schedule of 75 public service hours per week:

Monday through Friday,	8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The History of Medicine Division is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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